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TO: Health Care Facilities

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SUBJECT: **Facility Survey 2003**

The legal mandate of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians is consumer protection. However, we cannot fulfill this mandate without your assistance. Your facility is a critical component within health care delivery because you are involved in the delivery of health care to our consumers. Your perspective is crucial as we all attempt to make predictions about the future needs of healthcare education and practice of our licensees.

Please take a few moments of your valuable time to respond to this survey. A summary of results will be published in the Board's newsletter, "PRN", and at its web site (address listed above). Individual responses are confidential.

**PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED SURVEY TO THE BOARD BY:  
DECEMBER 15, 2003.**

## BVNPT: Facility Survey 2003

1. Please indicate your job classification and the type of facility in which you are employed:

Job Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

2. In your facility, what type of *staffing mix* do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. In your facility, are Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) currently utilized? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, on what types of units: \_\_\_\_\_

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Regarding the California Law that regulates the education and practice of LVNs:

☐ I am very knowledgeable; ☐ I am somewhat knowledgeable; or ☐ I am not knowledgeable.

☐ I would like to receive more information on the laws, my telephone number and/or e-mail address is:

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4. In your facility, are Psychiatric Technicians (PTs) currently utilized? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, on what types of units: \_\_\_\_\_

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Regarding the California Law that regulates the education and practice of PTs:

☐ I am very knowledgeable; ☐ I am somewhat knowledgeable; or ☐ I am not knowledgeable.

☐ I would like to receive more information on the laws, my telephone number and/or e-mail address is:

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5. What changes have occurred in the past three (3) years that have had the greatest impact on the utilization of LVNs and/or PTs in your facility?

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6. Do you have difficulty filling vacant LVN and/or PT positions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, is it because the applicants are: ☐ Not available, or ☐ Available, but not qualified for the position.

If not qualified, the most frequent qualifications lacking are:

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7. What percentage of your LVN/PT workforce completed some part of their student clinical experience in your facility? \_\_\_\_\_ %

8. What is the average age of the LVNs/PTs working in your facility? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you know how to contact the Board's Enforcement Unit to file a complaint? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Have you ever submitted a complaint to the Board? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, were you satisfied with the results?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not satisfied, please explain:

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11. Identify two (2) issues that you consider the most important relative to LVNs and/or PTs:

**LVNs:**

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**PTs:**

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12. Within the next two years do you expect your utilization of LVNs and/or PTs to:

**LVNs:** ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Remain the Same

**PTs:** ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Remain the Same

Please indicate why: \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Based on your current staffing pattern, please complete the following:

I would use **LVNs** more if they could:

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I would use **PTs** more if they could:

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14. Knowing that the current work environments require flexibility, adaptability and problem-solving skills, how would you evaluate the ability of your LVNs/PTs to utilize critical thinking?

- ☐ Unable to think through situations in order to adapt to care;
- ☐ Minimally able to think through situations in order to adapt to care;
- ☐ In most cases, able to think through situations in order to adapt to care.

15. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- A. Clinical facilities have a responsibility to serve as practice sites for LVN and PT students, even though the facility may not hire such classifications. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

Please indicate why: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. Nursing educators should be represented on the advisory or governing boards of clinical facilities to foster understanding of industry changes. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

Please indicate why: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. Nursing content and/or technical skills for LVNs and PTs will need to be more advanced to meet patient care needs in the next five years. ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

Please indicate why: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Thank you for completing this survey. Please return the survey to the BVNPT by December 15, 2003. You may return the survey by the following methods:**

- **Fax your response to the BVNPT at (916) 263-7859.**
- **E-mail your response to the BVNPT at [www.bvnpt.ca.gov](http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov)**
- **Mail your response by folding the survey into thirds, as indicated, making sure that the Board's address under the "Business Reply Mail" logo is visible. Secure document with adhesive tape. Please do not staple the survey as the U.S. Post Office cannot process it through its postal machines.**

(11/17/2003)